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President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear President Falconer:

Reference is made to your letter of 27 April, in reponse to my wire of 25 April. I found while in Ottawa that a call for about 55,000 volunteers had been issued in the United States for men to undertake three months' intensive training in order to supply officers for the first 500,000 men to be raised under the new army bill. Men with collegiate training or equivalent education were desired. I am making application for enrolment in this training corps, but may state that this does not, as yet, constitute definite enlistment, since it appears that no provision has been made to pay the men until the end of the training period, when from the number trained some 10,000 to 12,000 will be selected as officers for the first conscripted contingent. This training will be completed about the end of August, at which time the men who are selected will be definitely enrolled in the army and put on a pay status. I presume, therefore, that under these circumstances application from me for military leave, under the conditions established by the Board of Governors, should not be made until I have formally enlisted, either through being commissioned at the end of the training period mentioned, or in some other manner. Of course, it is still entirely uncertain whether I shall even be accepted for the training corps, but before taking definite steps in this direction, I wished to know the attitude that

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would be taken by the University, and it was for this reason that I wired you. I am depending therefore upon the assurance contained in your letter of 27 April, and as soon as I have been formally enlisted, which will probably not be before some time in August or early in September, I will make application for military leave. Please, advise me whether this should be addressed to Dean Fernow, yourself, or to the Board of Governors.

Yours respectfully,

W. N. Millar

May 4th, 1917

Professor W. N. Millar,

Faculty of Forestry.

Dear Professor Millar:

Your half pay will commence whenever you are regularly enlisted in the American Army. I would advise you to communicate with me through Dean Fernow inasmuch as he should be officially informed of everything and that he may make arrangements for your work.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.